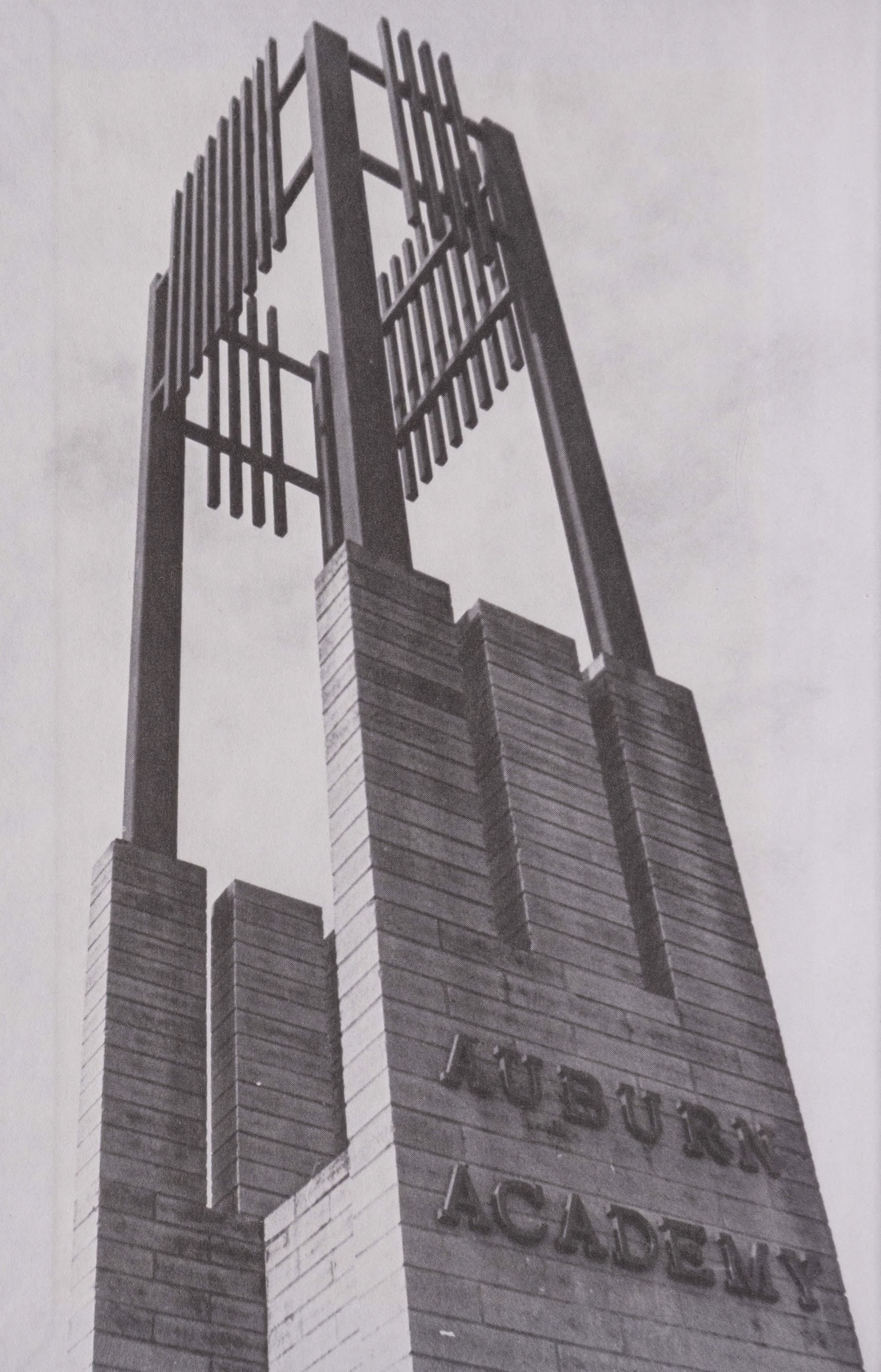


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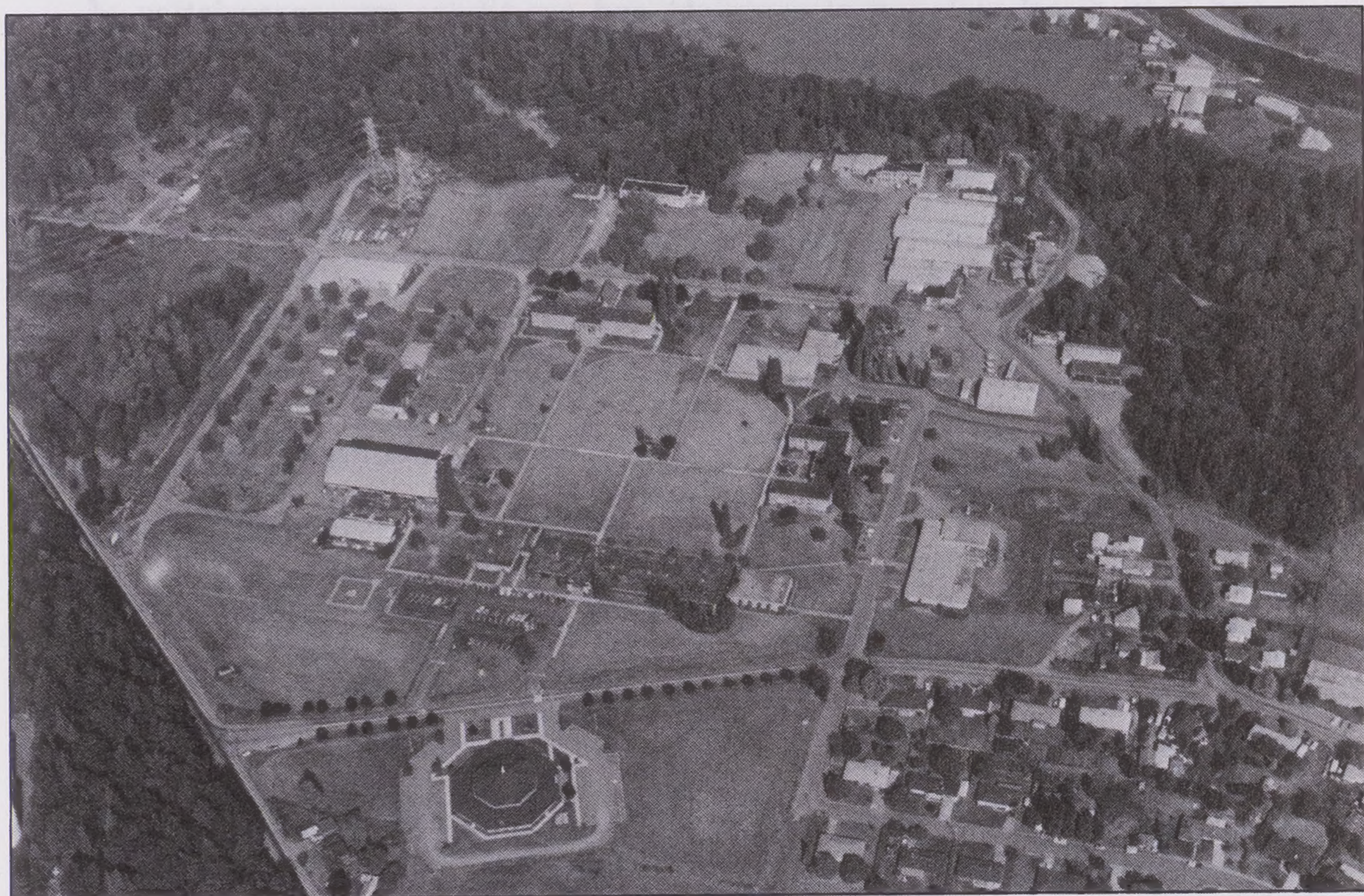
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# Auburn Adventist Academy

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumni of Auburn Adventist Academy:

Your school, Western Washington Missionary Academy, Auburn Academy or Auburn Adventist Academy continues to serve its constituency as faithfully as in the years gone by.

Some of the key years that catch our attention are years attended, graduation, alumni weekends and special events. Alumni reunions traditionally have come the first weekend in April. Your attendance will be appreciated and add to the celebration enjoyed by your classmates.

In 1944 your school celebrated its 25th anniversary and 1969 brought us to the 50 year mark. Now we are looking forward to a 75th anniversary celebration during the 1994-1995 school year. The 100 year anniversary will be celebrated during the 2019-2020 school year.

As you consider the matter of your will or trust, you might want to remember your alma mater. Your support has been appreciated and will be long remembered over the years.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Wentland  
Principal



## AUBURN ACADEMY IN RETROSPECT 1919-1990

Auburn Academy, a secondary-boarding school, has a history and tradition of its own. Under the direction of Elder George F. Enoch, sufficient funds were raised to open the school doors for the school year 1919-1920. Lyle C. Shepard was the principal the first year of Western Washington Missionary Academy, which had a new administration building that included classrooms, library, chapel, kitchen, dining room, and residence halls on either side for the men and ladies. C. J. Goodman wrote of those days, "We can well remember the opening day of school and the faculty wending their way to the rostrum and saw horses and piles of lumber."

Eighteen months later, just two weeks before the close of the school term 1920-1921, a fire which started in the boiler room destroyed the building. Mrs. Wilcox, wife of principal L. C. Wilcox, 1920-1922, recalls that Friday evening of May 6, 1921. "That was a wild night! The water system was inadequate and the town's fire department was six miles away, making it impossible for them to arrive in time."

After the fire the graduation exercises for the 12 seniors of 1921 were held at the Kent campmeeting. Elder A. G. Daniels gave the commencement address. The girls had planned to graduate in pink gingham dresses trimmed in white organdy and carry apple blossoms; as a result of the delayed graduation, they carried sweet peas instead.

Plans were laid immediately for rebuilding the Academy, and by the opening of the school term 1921-1922, a new administration building was erected. Also built was the first separate dormitory for the girls, Regina Hall. The boys then moved into East Hall, the building formerly used as a residence for the faculty and workers. Four years later during Principal C. A. Shull's administration, the girls' dormitory received a thirty-foot addition to the north. Eleven years later, in 1937, while principal R. L. Hubbs was here, an equal addition was made to Regina Hall on the south.

During the school year 1926-1927, students had a moonlight hike by White River. After arriving there they roasted marshmallows and baked potatoes. That year a school song contest was held. The school annual was named **THE MAGNET** and the school newspaper, **THE VISUAL**.

During the 1928-1929 term, the campus was landscaped with numerous flowers and shrubs and fringed on three sides with evergreens of various kinds. The school was growing 90,000 tulip, gladiolus, dahlia bulbs and tubers for beauty and commercial use.

That year the students planned a campaign to raise money for a new boys' dormitory. The student body set a goal of \$2,000; each student was to raise \$15 or more. The conference workers took the burden of raising the major portion of the \$10,000 needed. During the years 1930-1932, under the principalship of A. E. Green, the Board of Regents indicated that for accreditation the school must have a new boys' dormitory. This was during the depression years and the school needed to provide more work for students. The good trees on the school-owned property were to be used for construction of the dormitory. The school rented logging equipment and the boys became the logging crew. Teachers and students worked together on the erection of the building. The woodwork shop did all the millwork, making the doors, window frames, and



cupboards. The trees also provided the hardwood for the furniture for Conard Hall at Walla Walla College.

With a most generous gift from Mr. Olaf Gibson, this boys' dormitory with both hot and cold water became a reality. The building named Gibson Hall, was ready for occupancy during the school year 1932-1933.

In 1930 the name of the school was changed from Western Washington Academy to Auburn Academy. The following year Mrs. Madge Gould, music instructor, wrote the words and music to the song, "Auburn We Love Thee." After 38 years this song is still being sung by the students.

The Academy Bakery under C. A. Wyman's direction was the school industry as well as a practical class for students. Mr. Wyman, in charge of the bakery for thirteen years, was the inventor and builder of the automatic bake oven which provided thousands of meals until 1941 when the electric oven was purchased.

After a shutdown of three years, the Auburn Academy Woodshop resumed its production, giving regular employment to twelve young men.

The boys, after leaving their former residence to resume dormitory life in Gibson Hall, converted East Hall into a gymnasium. They took out the partitions on the first floor, leaving only a shell which they braced with timber. After the bracing was completed, the inside was sealed with flooring. The outside of the building looked much the same as it did when used as a dormitory. As a result of much donated student labor, the gymnasium was ready for the school year 1933-1934.

The woodshop, in the school year 1934-1935, was operated on a commercial basis. Ironing boards, clothes racks, kitchen stools, and lawn furniture of all kinds were sold in large quantities, not only in the local markets, but also in eastern cities. An average of 20 young men were employed there. By the second year 1937-1938, the Auburn Academy Woodshop occupied three large buildings totaling approximately 16,400 square feet. Woodworking had now become the major industry of the academy.

While R. L. Hubbs was principal during 1937-1938, students baked an average of 65 loaves of bread a day. Approximately 80 boys were employed in the woodshop under the supervision of R. J. DeVice. The school farm consisted of about 100 acres, much of which was improved in growing crops. Again, several acres were planted to garden; a larger area, to hay, oats and corn. A herd of 25 Jersey cows supplied the school with milk and cream.

During the year of 1939-1940, the Associated Students sponsored a fund-raising campaign to buy a grand piano. The Tillicum Club, comprised of village students, was also organized.

On the campus was a greenhouse where potted plants were grown for campus beautification. The flowers grown there also provided a festive touch in the form of boutonnieres, corsages, or bouquets for special occasions.

The woodshop, occupying over four acres of floor space, and manufacturing approximately 75 different articles of furniture, built one of the most complete lines of unfinished furniture in the Northwest. Lumber was brought from the mill to the plant



and was cut and shaped on the various machines in the milling room. Between 60 and 70 boys were able to earn a large portion of their school expenses.

Choir robes, made by the Dorcas Society, were used for the first time in 1940.

During the 1940-1941, the Casa Loma Culture Club had a Father-son Banquet in honor of the fathers and many business men who acted as foster fathers for the boys. That year 100 fellows occupied Gibson Hall.

The Tillicum Village Club obtained enough money from program proceeds to place an Auburn Academy sign along the highway near the school.

During the year the greenhouse which adjoined the old boiler room was torn down and a modern boiler room was built. The new boiler, fitted with a new large coal stoker and a 60-foot smoke stack, furnished steam heat for the two dormitories, the administration building, and the furniture shop.

The farm, supplying the school with fresh vegetables, was a valuable asset. An excellent herd of cows produced plenty of milk daily. A group of hard-working boys looked after the small herd of heifers, kept the team of horses in first class condition, and cared for the flock of leghorns which supplied the school with about 150 eggs per day.

During A. J. Olson's administration from 1941-1949, the campus grew. The woodshop burned in January, 1942 and a new 21,000 square foot, one-story concrete building replaced it. Being equipped with heavy duty modern machines, it was considered one of the most modern and best equipped furniture shops in the state. It had the capacity to turn out a quarter million dollars worth of furniture annually and provided an opportunity for 100 boys to earn all or part of their school expenses.

At this point the dairy had 30 head of cattle and the poultry houses sheltered approximately 500 chickens. Three acres of truck garden were in cultivation.

An enlarged school cafeteria in the basement of the administration building, completed in 1941-1942, accommodated 260 students. The cafeteria employed 40 students to help prepare meals for over 200. C. L. Witzel, dean of men during this year, was in his second term of service at the academy.

The Student Association project for the school year 1942-1943 was an orgatron. The music department expanded considerably under the direction of Harold Mitzelfelt. A girls' glee club, church choir, orchestra, boys' glee club, double male quartet and the band were organized and kept active throughout the year.

A new gymnasium, 165' x 55', with a seating capacity of 1500 people, was started but not completed until the following year. With the construction of the gymnasium, East Hall became an overflow girls' dormitory upstairs and a manual arts department downstairs.

During the years 1942-1944, the 150-acre Cloitiere Farm, with a large dairy barn and a two-story home, was purchased. The productive land was improved in growing good crops. By now a fine dairy herd of 40 cows and a flock of approximately 600 hens provided additional work for students.



In the summer of 1944, a service building containing a modern laundry, cannery, pasteurizing plant, home economics department and maintenance department was built. By now the school had 15 school homes for staff and factory workers. A complete new water system with storage capacity of 140,000 gallons was constructed to replace the old 8,000 gallon tank which burned. Fire hydrants to all important places on campus were now possible.

Elder Don Spillman, board chairman, broke ground for a three-story dormitory on April 26, 1946. For a project during this school year, the students endeavored to raise \$10,000 toward the estimated \$85,000 for the new girls' dormitory. This campaign was completed during a three-week period and the students and faculty together raised over \$11,000 under the faculty sponsorship of H. D. Schwartz and student leadership of Donna Spillman. This building, South Hall, was designed to accommodate 110 girls. The top floor was completed in the 1947-1948 school year; the main floor was finished in time for the 1948-1949 school year. 115 girls were housed in the building. The lower floor, containing a worship room, recreation room, and cafeteria was completed in 1949. With the girls in new quarters, the upper floor of East Hall was converted to staff apartments.

Regina Hall was changed from a girls' to a boys' dormitory in 1949 and was renamed Manous Hall in memory of N. L. Manous, music and Spanish teacher, 1945-1947, who later died while teaching in Chilean Training School, Chile.

The girls' club was named ZETA KAPPA, meaning "Beauty of Character." The Boys' Club, CASA LOMA, meaning "Loyal to the Royal in Thyself," had been functioning for some years.

A power plant utilizing sawdust from the furniture factory for fuel, was the second building on the new campus at this time. The old dining room in the basement of the administration building was converted into a large library during this period, and the kitchen area was remodeled and changed to modern science laboratories, providing expanded classrooms for the school program.

The woodshop, destroyed by fire in August, 1951 was replaced with metal buildings in 1952.

The fifty-first annual campmeeting for the Washington Conference was moved from the center of the campus to the west section in the summer of 1957. At this campmeeting, Elder N. R. Dower, president, announced that a permanent auditorium would replace the large tent that had been used for many years. This auditorium, built in 1958, was later named Rainier Auditorium.

In 1959 plans were made for a long-range construction program for the academy. It called for re-routing the streets, relocating the houses; constructing a new administration, boys' dormitory and church and remodeling extensively. Plans for a new road to the south of the main proposed campus area were finalized, eliminating traffic through the campus. Faculty homes were relocated in preparation of the new building program. Elder C. L. Witzel, principal and long-time staff member, resigned as principal in the summer of 1960, after having been associated with Auburn Academy at intervals since 1926. He had watched the school grow from 125 students to 400 students.



L. E. McClain, former dean of boys, held the position of principal from 1960-1965. During the school year 1960-1961, Dr. J. N. Howell assisted Auburn Academy in receiving accreditation with the State of Washington.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new boys' dormitory were held on January 21, 1962. The three-story brick structure containing two deans' apartments, a large worship room, a recreation room, guest room facilities, and rooms for 176 boys, was ready for the 1962-1963 school year. A modern cafeteria, built on the old Rainier Auditorium site, was completed toward the close of the school year 1962-1963. It was named Rudolph Hall in memory of Miss Irene Rudolph, whose generosity made the building possible.

During the summer, South Hall was remodeled with the entire building being faced with brick to match the boys' dormitory. The main entrance was moved from the north to the south side. Dormitory rooms, a recreation room and a home economics department occupied the basement. Plans for a new administration building were discussed at the boys' dormitory Open House, January 4, 1964. Construction began that year on a new A-frame chapel for the girls.

The carpentry class that year chose as a project the building of homes for faculty and staff. Five faculty homes were constructed under C. L. Witzel's direction.

Groundbreaking for the new \$250,000 administration building was held on May 4, 1964. The new building placed south of the girls' dormitory, featured 11 classrooms, teachers' offices, assembly hall, laboratory, administration and counseling area and a library. Don Kirkman was the architect for all the buildings.

During Christmas vacation 1964-1965, the new administration building was occupied. Open House was held on Sunday, January 24. The building was named C. A. Scriven Hall in memory of a former president of the North Pacific Union Conference. South Hall, the girls' dormitory was renamed Ruby Nelson Hall, in memory of the wife of Dr. Philip Nelson, missionary to India.

When the new administration building was completed, the music department moved into the old administration building from Manous Hall, which was razed in the April of 1965.

The new boys' dormitory was named Witzel Hall in honor of Elder C. L. Witzel, who at that time had been affiliated with Auburn Academy for 22 years.

The staff completed a self-evaluation study which led to accreditation with Northwest Accrediting Association in 1965-1966.

During the summer of 1965, the heating was converted to natural gas for several campus buildings and the factory. This closed the old sawdust-fired boilers in the power house east of the academy.

The home economics department moved into their new quarters in the basement of Nelson Hall during the school year 1965-1966, and the industrial arts department expanded their classroom area by utilizing the rooms formerly occupied by the home economics department.

The school farm was discontinued; the livestock sold, and a 2700-foot long airstrip was constructed on the farm. On January 1, 1967, Harris Pine Mills assumed



management of the Auburn Academy Furniture Factory. The factory had \$950,000 in sales during its last year of operation. During the summer of 1967, Harris Pine Mills expanded by acquiring and installing additional modern equipment.

As an ASAA project, students and staff raised over \$10,000 for carpeting the hallways and offices of the new administration building in 1967-1968. The 141-member graduating class of 1968 was the largest in the history of the school, as well as in the history of the denomination. The class donated to the school a 30-foot bell tower constructed on the lawn south of the new administration building.

Dr. Peters, the principal, became ill during the previous school year and passed away suddenly in the early summer of 1970. Elder Carl Jorgensen, Principal of Monterey Bay Academy, was called to be the new Principal at Auburn. He would stay until 1976 when he became Education Superintendent for the Washington Conference. The enrollment in 1969-70 was 556.

Elder Richard O'Ffill became the new pastor and stayed two years before moving on to SAWS, the predecessor of ADRA. Gary Wisbey became Dean of Boys as Wayne Wentland left for other assignments.

School year of 1971-1972 Wayne Longhofer became Vice-Principal. The students became involved in a successful campaign to raise money for a new bus. They were so successful that the next year they continued and raised enough for two more Sceni-Cruisers to complete the fleet.

Eugene Rau came to be the Vice-Principal in 1972-73. He stayed for two years before leaving to take a Principal appointment. Jim Fisher, having left the position of Registrar at AAA and taken a mission appointment to Costa Rica, left on his hand-built trimaran. The craft capsized and he drifted helplessly for 90 days before being picked up by a passing ship. However, he did not survive the trauma to his body and died in a hospital in Hawaii of multiple organ failure.

During 1973-74 a campaign to raise money and take donations of labor and materials was successful. The Industrial Arts Building was completed as a result and in later years was named Spady Hall in honor of the late Ed Spady, longtime Industrial Arts teacher at AAA.

Dean Maddock came to be Vice-Principal in 1974-75 and followed the pattern of staying long enough to get well trained and then going off to be a Principal. During the year the new music building was completed with large band and choir rooms and offices and practice rooms. Plagued with flooding due to the low ground there, it has nevertheless been the source of some powerful and inspiring music under the direction of a succession of skilled teachers.

In 1975 Ed Wines became Vice-Principal. Little did he know that his training was on-site as he would become the next AAA Principal in a year.

In 1976 with Ed Wines as Principal, Rick Emery became Vice-Principal and proved to be a one-year Principal-in-training. Joe Parmele succeeded Gary Wisbey as Dean of Boys.

Another Principal-in-training in 1977 became Vice-Principal. Gary Bollinger moved in from the Student Finance office to add to his resume of experience. The



Bible department was all new with the addition of Orlin McLean, Dave Allen, Ken Perman and Mike Baker as teachers. Mike was doubling as Assistant Dean of Boys. During the Christmas vacation, Dave and Ginny Allen and a bus full of students and faculty went to Mexico to work on a mission school as an outreach project. Unfortunately a number of the helpers contracted Shigellosis and became quite ill. Among other adventures, a dust storm near Bakersfield, California sandblasted their bus, necessitating the replacement of the pitted windshield before they could go on to Mexico and requiring a new paint job on returning to campus. Students mounted a campaign to raise money for a greenhouse complex to provide work for students and a service to the community. It operated successfully for several years. The greenhouse complex re-opened as Beall Orchid Company in 1984. Mrs. Bessie Soule retired after her work as Home Arts teacher at AAA at the end of this school year.

1978-79 school year saw the students raising a tremendous sum of money and donated labor. Along with donations from the Washington Conference and other sources, there was enough in hand to begin the construction of the academy church during the school year 1979-80. Seating 550 in the sanctuary, it can expand to include others when the fireside room and choir loft are used on crowded weekends. Dick Jewett came to be pastor and oversee the building process. He would continue until his transfer to another church in 1982. The church was finished and ready for occupancy in April of 1981. Laurinda Crays retired officially from the library but continued to be helpful on a part-time basis for teaching English and assisting with the library and with new students from foreign countries until 1988 when she made her departure official.

Walt Koehn broke with tradition. He came to be Vice-Principal during the 1980-81 school year and stayed with it until 1984 when he became a full-time Bible teacher.

In 1982 Elder Roger Worley came to be the academy pastor. He was also the coordinator of Bible Labs on campus, a program promoted by the Washington Conference to involve students in outreach projects to benefit the community and give the students the experience of helping others.

Hans Krenz became the Vice-Principal in 1984 after having worked several years at AAA as English teacher. He returned to English teaching full-time in 1989-90. Principal Ed Wines took a call at Andrews University at the end of the 1984-85 school year.

At the beginning of the 1985-86 school year, new Principal, Wayne Wentland, had his hands full because Laurelwood Academy in Oregon was closed in June 1985 and a number of students came to Auburn to complete their academy years. Those who had been at Laurelwood since their Freshman year were included in the four-year senior class at Auburn. Enrollment topped 455 with all the new students, and another dorm was needed for girls. Gibson Hall was opened as an honor dorm with some less supervision and more facilities. It was needed for two years. To provide for more work opportunities, a Day Care Center was opened on campus. Glen Rick joined the staff to coordinate the acquisition of new industries and stayed to open Sea Tac Pac later that year. A much-needed new maintenance building was begun and completed during the year. It provided better work space for vehicle maintenance and storage of equipment. Roger Worley went into full-time Bible teaching during this school year, leaving the



academy pulpit to be filled by Bible teachers and visiting pastors. The search for a new pastor was long and careful. In early 1986, Greg and Cindy Nelson and their family came to be the pastoral team at the academy. Their musical talent and keen caring attitudes are so much appreciated by students, staff and community.

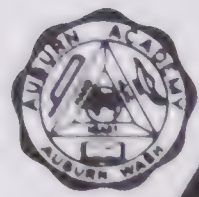
Harris Pine Mills closed their mills suddenly on December 5, 1986. Principal Wayne Wentland, Bob Willison and the staff met the challenge, and worked with Conference and local persons to get immediate work for the 60 displaced students. Fast food jobs became available and the local McDonalds and other outlets appreciated the honest, clean, and pleasant youth that came to work for them. Sea Tac Pac picked up speed and employed more students. The hunt was on for more industries to provide student labor. Several providers such as Ambassador Communications, Andco, and Six-Pac Industries came forward and helped out in the interim. The enrollment was at 427 as many of the Oregon students had graduated and the number of students of high school age in the Washington Conference was down somewhat.

On Halloween night in 1988, a fire destroyed the Gold Palace, the old I.A. Building and new site of Sea Tac Pac. It was traced to some roofing activity which had taken place that day. Sea Tac Pac missed only a few hours and moved into new quarters in the Harris Pine's vacated premises. The students conducted a dual campaign to raise money for a new church organ and a new bus. The church organ had become nearly impossible to play with age-related disabilities, and the buses were showing their age too with increasingly frequent breakdowns on tours. Both replacements were paid for by the ambitious and successful campaign. The enrollment at AAA hovered around 350 for the next three years. Bob and Beth Freitas retired to Sequim.

In the 1989-90 school year John Gatchet moved from the Guidance Office to the Vice-Principal's office. A new industry, Seattle Hemlock, opened in vacated Harris Pine Mills' facilities. And in December a new gas heating system was installed in the gym to replace the old gas system which was becoming unsafe and inefficient. Cliff and Jean Ahlberg retired to Tennessee and Bob and Rosemary Farver retired to the hilltop near the academy. Bob and Rosemary took special interest in the landscaping at the academy church and gave it a lot of careful tending.

The decade of the 90's is well begun. Auburn Academy is in good shape and in the Lord's hands. The alumni are a source of encouragement and support and can be proud of the traditions and spirit of excellence which is still fostered at Auburn Adventist Academy.





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## DEVELOPMENT MESSAGE

BECAUSE OF YOU we are a better place. BECAUSE OF YOU we are able to provide effective facility support for our young people. BECAUSE OF YOU we are able to continue to provide quality education for generations to come. BECAUSE OF YOU we are partners in education.

During the past four years through the Academy Alumni Advancement fund raising program, Auburn Adventist Academy raised \$125,392 and received \$59,000 in AAA Grants with \$2,500 in other grants made available. Thus, YOU provided a total of \$186,892 from 1986-1990.

Phase II of the Academy Alumni Advancement will go into effect during the 1990-1991 school year. In order to continue to grow we will need your support during the next four years.

What a great investment, YOUTH. In order to be a participant and co-partner in tomorrow's educational plans for our youth, remember Auburn Adventist Academy, Today.

May the Lord bless you and our school until He comes.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Wentland  
Principal  
Class of 1963



# GUIDE TO THE DIRECTORY

## BIOGRAPHICAL

Alumni are listed in alphabetical order. Following each name are class year, occupation — including company name, address and telephone — and resident address and telephone.

Married alumnae are listed under married and maiden names.

Complete biographical data is included if a questionnaire form was returned or if it was possible to obtain the data by telephone. In all other cases only those alumni with current information in the Academy files are included. We apologize in advance for omissions or errors, and we urge you to send corrected data to:

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## CLASS YEAR

Alumni are listed under the year of graduation from Auburn Adventist Academy. Married alumnae are listed under maiden names.

## GEOGRAPHICAL

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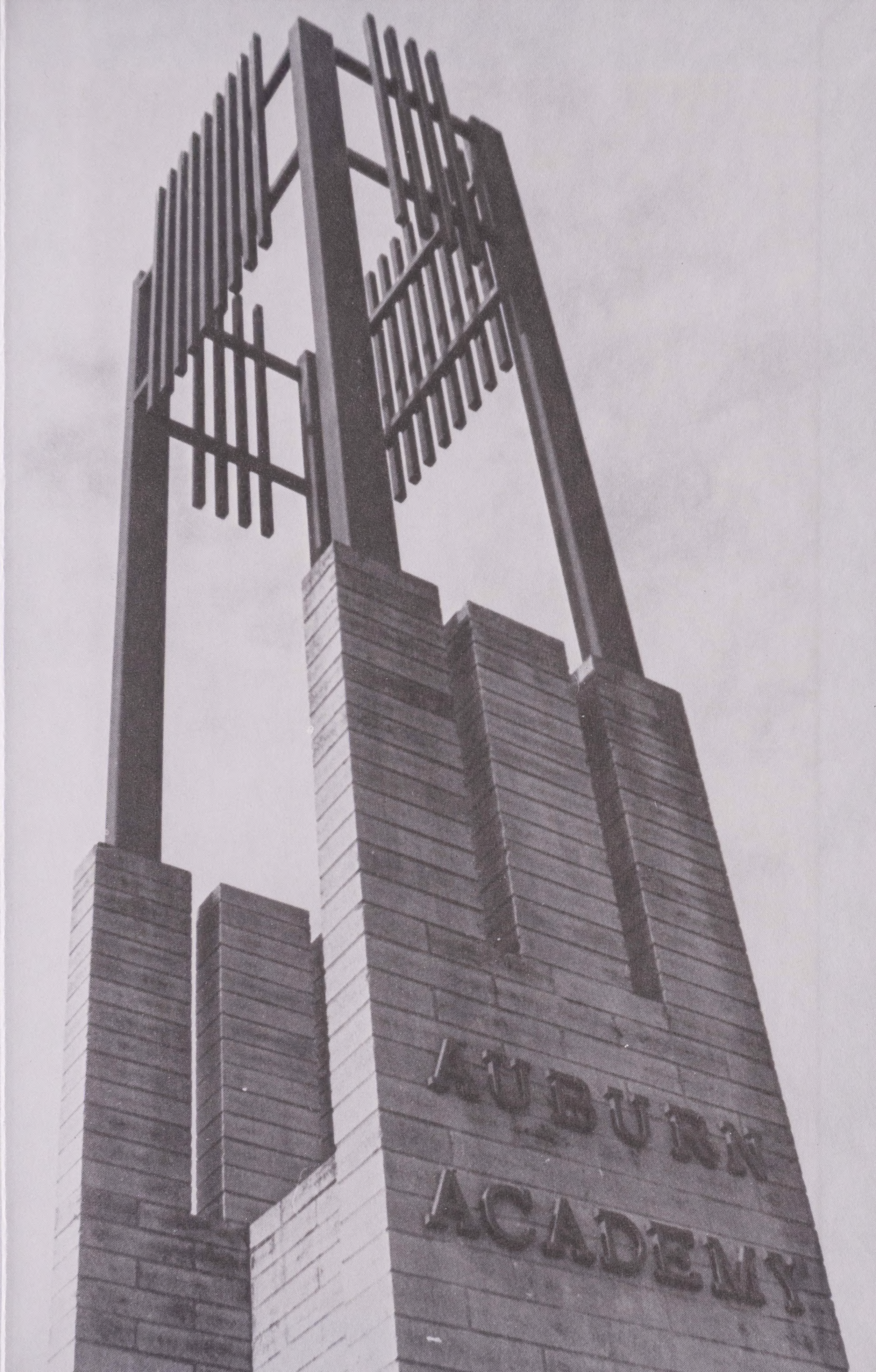












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